

**City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building
December 14, 2009**

President McGoron opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

Clerk Pro Tempore Berens read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp. Mrs. Hedger was absent. Mr. Comer made a motion to excuse Mrs. Hedger. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on November 23, 2009, and the minutes from the Committee Meeting on December 7, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the November 2009 Auditor and Income Tax Report. Seconded by Mr. Hall. Motion passed by unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Comer reminded council that there will be a public hearing on January 11, 2010 at 6:45 pm for a proposed zoning code text amendment.

Mr. Hall reminded council that the Installation of new Council Members will be held on January 1, 2010 at 1:00pm in Council Chambers.

Safety

Mr. Allen stated that the October and November Fire Department Monthly Reports were in their mailbox as well as the November Police Department Monthly Report.

Mr. Allen reported that Police charged a man with Inducing Panic and Disorderly Conduct for stating that he had a gun under his coat while in Mayors Court.

Public Works

Mr. Berens reported that Blue Ash Road was resurfaced as a part of the Duke gas main installation project, but was not properly sealed. JR Jorgensen will complete the sealing in the spring of 2010 as the blacktop distributors are currently closed for the season.

City Officials

No Report.

New Business

Mr. Comer made a motion to suspend the December 28, 2009 City Council Meeting for lack of business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tegenkamp. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Comer thanked Mr. Diehm and Mr. McGoron and Mr. Rapp for their service on Deer Park City Council.

Mr. McGoron stated that he was honored to have served the City of Deer Park.

Mr. Diehm stated that he has seen many changes over his tenure on Council and recommended that the future council become more involved with the Deer Park Schools by appointing one council member to attend School Board meetings and reporting back to Council. He also suggested that Council recognize students named on the honor roll each quarter.

Mr. Diehm finished his report by saying that he enjoyed his many years on Council and wished good luck for the incoming members of Council.

Mr. Ron Tolliver thanked the three outgoing members for their service and exclaimed that he and the other two new members wish to continue the good works of Council and make a positive difference in the future.

Mr. Rapp said that he enjoyed his 3 ½ years on Council and suggested that the new council be mindful of the residents and the current economic conditions that they are facing, and to be careful about taxation in the future. He concluded that it is most important to live within our economic means.

Mayor Collins thanked the outgoing councilmen and recognized those members who have since passed away, including; President of Council, Rick Walker; Councilman Don Rodenburg and Clerk Donna Epperson.

Without further business to be brought before Council at this time, Mr. Comer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Pat McGoron
President of Council

Michael J. Berens
Clerk of Council Pro Tempore